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Ordnance Factories
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of ordnance factories has been reviewed by the Ordnance Factory Board;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for improving the performance of these factories;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give financial autonomy to the ordnance factories to expedite decision making process by them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Performance of Ordnance Factories is being regularly reviewed by Ordnance Factory Board. Some of the major steps taken in this regard are as follows:

(i) Modernization of Ordnance Factories to keep pace with the latest technology and to maintain the production capacity in tandem with the requirement of Armed Forces. As compared to an expenditure of Rs.2927 crore in the 11th Plan, already an expenditure of Rs.4239 crore has been incurred during the first four years (2012-16) of the 12th Plan. In 2016-17, an expenditure of Rs.1169.67 crore is envisaged.

(ii) To improve upon the production planning in Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Army has started placing 5 years roll-on indents for ammunition items.

(iii) Quality Audit Groups (QAG) have been formed at 10 centers as an independent authority for giving impetus to and ensuring quality in Ordnance Factories.

(iv) 13 Ordnance Development Centres (ODCs) with identified core technologies have been created to take up product development and improvement in core product areas.

(c) & (d): Ministry has been delegating powers to Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) from time to time for providing operational freedom and expedite decision making process by them.

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